2nd Sunday of Advent

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. *Luke 3:4*

SAINT BRIGID AND OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISHES

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF MILLBURY
SAINT BRIGID † OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Parish Office

59 Main Street, Millbury, MA 01527
Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
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www.assumptionmillbury.org

Assumption School

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(508)865-5404

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Julie Olson
Principal

St. Vincent de Paul Society Outreach

774-262-5506

Mass Times

St. Brigid Church
59 Main Street
Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Assumption Church
10 Waters Street
Sunday: 9:00 AM

Weekday Mass Times

All at Assumption Church

Monday & Thursday
9:00AM

Tuesday & Wednesday
7:00AM

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Parish Staff

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Rev. Daniel R. Mulcahy, Jr.
Pastor

Rev. Mr. Ronald B. Buron
Deacon
Facilities
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Secretary

Ronald Marlborough
Buildings and Grounds

Pastoral Associates

Sister Jeanne Richard, S.A.S.V.
Pastoral Care Ministry Emerita

Gregory Bernard
Adolescent & Young Adult Faith Formation
Youth Ministry
Communications

Deborah R. Blicharz
Children's Faith Formation
Community Life and Outreach

Claudette Belair
Music Ministry

Sacraments

Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated each month. To prepare for your child's Baptism, parents will attend a preparational session. For more information, or to make arrangements, please call the parish office.

Penance and Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM
or anytime upon request.

Marriage

Please call the parish office at least one year in advance.

Anointing of the Sick and Communion Calls

Please call the office when a parishioner is confined at home, is in the hospital, or placed in a nursing home or hospice. Holy Communion is brought to shut-ins upon request.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Sat.,Dec 4

4:00 PM **Vyto Morkunas, Birthday Remembrance**
By: The Family

Sun., Dec 5

7:00 AM **Frank Cammuso, Birthday Remembrance**
By: His Wife

9:00 AM **Connor Francis Tronerud**
4th Anniversary
By: His parents, Jason & Teresa and brother, Kyle

11:00 AM **Robert & Valeria LaRose**
By: Martha Sampson

Mon., Dec. 6

9:00 AM **Sylvia Keller**
By: Assumption School

Tue., Dec. 7

7:00 AM **Nancy Matton**
By: Her Sister Jeanne

The People of the Catholic Parishes of Millbury

6:30 PM **Paul Cadaret**
By: Deacon Ron and Kathy Buron

Wed., Dec 8 *Feast of the Immaculate Conception*

9:00AM **Ada and George McLaughlin**
By: Eloise and Rick Saia

Thu., Dec 9

9:00 AM **The Deceased Members of the Richard Family**
By: Sr. Jeanne

Sat.,Dec 11

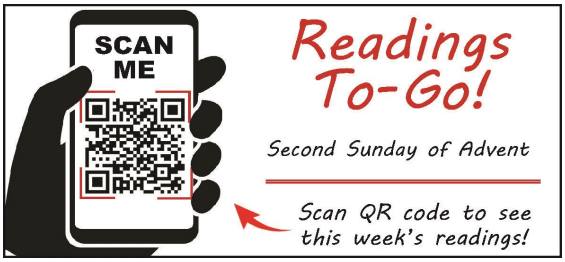
4:00 PM **Sylvio Bourdeau, Birthday Remembrance**
By: The Family

Sun., Dec 12

7:00 AM **Frank J. Yaz, 19th Anniversary**
By: The Family

9:00 AM **Timothy R. Guertin**
By: His Mother and Family

11:00 AM **George Law**
By: His Wife and Children



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 11, 4:00 PM at St. Brigid
AS: R Prue, T Yaz
L: K. Levitre
EM: H. Quan, K. Anderson

Sunday, December 12, 7:00 AM at St. Brigid
AS: J Mazeika
L: M. Blunt
EM: A. Nocchi, J. Mazeika

Sunday, December 12, 9:00 AM at Assumption
AS: J. Giro
L: L. Flagg
EM: T. Tronerud, M. Sprino

Sunday, December 12, 11:00 AM at St. Brigid
AS: M. Horner
L: R. Spain
EM: J. & J. Geneva

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY ~ DECEMBER 4
NO EVENTS

SUNDAY ~ DECEMBER 5
LIVING NATIVITY @ SBC 1-:00-3:00PM
SLAA @ SBH 7:30 PM

MONDAY ~ DECEMBER 6
ADORATION/NOVENA @ SBC 6:00-7:00PM
AA @ SBH 7:00 PM
GA @ OLAH 8:00 PM

TUESDAY ~ DECEMBER 7
OA @ SBH 6:30-8:00 PM
CHOIR PRACTICE @ SBC 7:30PM

WEDNESDAY ~ DECEMBER 8
ROSARY MAKERS @ SBH 6:00PM

THURSDAY ~ DECEMBER 9
GIRL SCOUTS @ SBH 6:00PM
ROSARY @ CPO 6:00PM

FRIDAY ~ DECEMBER 10
NO EVENTS

SATURDAY ~ DECEMBER 11
NO EVENTS

SUNDAY ~ DECEMBER 12
SVDP FOOD DRIVE @ SBH 12:15PM
SLAA @ SBH 7:30 PM

SCRIPTURE READINGS 2021

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Dec 5	Bar 5:1-9/ Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6/ Phil 1: 4-6, 8-11/ Lk 3:1-6
MONDAY Dec 6	*Saint Nicholas, Bishop* Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab+10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26
TUESDAY Dec 7	*Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church* Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2,3+10ac,11-12,13/Mt 18:12-14
WEDNESDAY Dec 8	***The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
THURSDAY Dec 9	*Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin* Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1+9,10-11,12-13/Mt 11:11-15
FRIDAY Dec 10	*Our Lady of Loreto* Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4+6/Mt 11:16-19
SATURDAY Dec 11	*Saint Damasus I, Pope* Sir 48:1-4,9-11/Ps 80:2+3b,15-16,8-19/Mt 17:9,10-13
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Dec 12	Zep 3:14-18/Is 12:2-3,4,5-6/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

In Loving Memory

John & Julia Anger
Oscar & Marcy Anger
Lee Aubin
Larry F. Army
Gregory Barlay
Albina Bartkus
Edward Bartkus
Ann Beesley
Arthur G. Boucher
Sylvio E. Bourdeau
Casey Bulger
Joseph & Rose Cataldo
Frank Cammuso
Philip Chabot, Sr.
Joseph Coggans
Rita Cogliandro
Albert and Helen Collette
Pat and Tiff Correia
Donna "Gain" Cournoyer
Karen A. Courville
Roland O. Couture
Arthur "Archie" Cronin
Gerald & Peggy Croteau
George A. D'Auteuil, Jr.
George A. D'Auteuil, Sr.
Kathleen M. DeCillis
Raymond DeRouin

Armand Desorcy
Diane Dion
Joseph Dunn
Timothy P. Eckland
Jonathan Favreau
Gabrielle G. Gaboriault
Joe & Jean Gagliardi
William Gain, Jr.
Bernice Gaudere
Reggie Gauthier
Stephen W. Gedman
Richard "Dick" Gendron
Edward & Frances Genis
Ruth Gonsorcik
John & Irene Guyan
Robert James (Sam) Guyan
Conrad Hagstrom
Betty Hamilton
Derek Hamilton
Thomas & Patricia Hamilton
Robert J. Hamilton
Matthew Hartline
Everett & Pauline Hennessey
John & Shirley Huchowski
Paul J. & Ann V. Jandron
Joanne Juskavitch
Sherri Kalil
Joseph V. Kane

Richard Kroll
Michael P. Krumsiek
Helen R. LaCrosse
Robert P. LaCrosse, Sr.
Lillian Langevin
Tan Le
Noe R. LeBeau, Sr.
Edward L. Lemoine
Kevin Lemoine
Rita Lemoine
Mark Lizotte
William and Irene Louis
Joseph Matthews
Margaret Matthews
Kenneth Michalak
Pauline Montigny
Lorraine Mooney
Elsie Moquin
Mary B. Mrozinski
Ann Mulcahy
Daniel R. Mulcahy, Sr.
Albert Nikosey
Evelyn Noonan
Joseph Noonan
Rosemary Norton
John P. & Bridget O'Malley
Virginia Richnick
Arlene Riedle

Stephen Rodwill
Elaine Roy
Darlene Russell
Dorothy Russell
Marshall Russell
Michael W. Russell
William Russell
Maria Sabourin
Bob & Rita Shea
Gino Silveri
Lucien Sirard
Maureen L. Stacy
C. Richard Stockhaus
James Tabor
Neal R. Thomas
Connor Tronerud
Chester Urban
Robert E. Vaillancourt
Nancy Vaillancourt
Lucille Vecchione
William T. Walsh
Paula Ward
Margaret Wendt
Camille White
Dolores White
Ronald Woodward
Frank J. Yaz

May they Rest in Peace

Would you like to remember a loved one in our Remembrance section? The cost of enrollment will be a $50 donation for the year. Please contact the office (508) 865-6624 to enroll your loved one(s).

Pope Francis's Prayer for the Immaculate Conception

O Mary, our Immaculate Mother,
On your feast day I come to you, and I come not alone: I bring with me all those with whom your Son entrusted to me, in this city of Rome and in the entire world, that you may bless them and preserve them from harm.

I bring to you, Mother, children, especially those who are alone, abandoned, and for this reason are tricked and exploited. I bring to you, Mother, families, Who carry forward life and society with their daily and hidden efforts; in a special way the families who struggle the most for their many internal and external problems. I bring to you, Mother, all workers, both men and women, and I entrust to you especially those who, out of need, are forced to work in an unworthy profession and those who have lost work or are unable to find it.

We are in need of your immaculate gaze, to rediscover the ability to look upon persons and things with respect and awareness, without egotistical or hypocritical interests.
We are in need of your immaculate heart, to love freely, without secondary aims but seeking the good of the other, with simplicity and sincerity, renouncing masks and tricks. We are in need of your immaculate hands, to caress with tenderness, to touch the flesh of Jesus in our poor, sick, or despised brethren, to raise up those who have fallen and support those who waver.
We are in need of your immaculate feet, to go toward those who know not how to make the first step, to walk on the paths of those who are lost, to find those who feel alone.

We thank you, O Mother, because in showing yourself to us you free us of all stain of sin; You remind us that what comes first is the grace of God, the love of Jesus Christ who gave his life for us, the strength of the Holy Spirit which renews all things.
Let us not give in to discouragement, but, trusting in your constant help, let us engage ourselves fully in renewal of self, of this city and of the entire world.

Pray for us, Holy Mother of God!

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Giving Tree 2021

St. Brigid and Our Lady of the Assumption Parishes

Our annual Giving Tree Program, to provide gifts to underserved children, families and individuals in our area, is under way! This year we are supporting the following programs:

Urban Missionaries
St. Vincent de Paul
Bethany House
Pernet Family Services
Why Me? Sherry's House
Veterans Inc.

Please drop off your gift/s at St. Brigid Church Hall on Saturday December 11th before the 4 pm Mass, or Sunday, December 12th between 7:30 to 11:30 am. Members of our Confirmation class will come to your car to receive your gift/s.

Please be sure that your Giving Tree tag/s are securely attached to your gift item/s.

If you have gifts for St. Vincent de Paul (**Tags are green Christmas trees with red lettering on the gift request label**), please wrap and bundle your gifts.

ALL OTHER gifts should be returned **UNWRAPPED.**

FAITH FORMATION

Class Sessions PreK through Grade 4 for the Month of December

Little Lambs meet each week during the 9 am Family Mass at Assumption Church

December Classes

December 5: Grade 2
December 12: Grades 1, 3 & 4
December 19: Grade 2
December 26 : Christmas Break - No Classes

Faith Formation Giving Tree Project for Everyone!

We are grateful for the Rose and Stakus families who created our beautiful Advent Giving Tree Ornaments to decorate our Churches. On the ornaments, they wrote their prayers, hopes, and wishes for the Advent Season. We have baskets containing Giving Tree Ornaments which you are invited to take, hang on your Christmas Tree, and add your own Advent prayers and petitions.

Class Sessions Grades 5 - 10 for the Month of December

All Sessions Held in Assumption Church Hall unless otherwise noted

December 5: Grades 7 & 8	6:00-7:15PM (Rescheduled from Nov. 21)
December 12: Grades 7 & 8	6:00-7:15PM
December 19: Grades 9 & 10	7:00-8:30PM
December 20: Grades 5 & 6	6:15-7:30PM

Advent and Christmas Opportunities

Living Nativity -- Sunday, December 5th during Millbury's Chain of Lights from 1-3 pm we will have Living Nativity at St. Brigid Church. It will include sheep, donkeys and cows, a Christmas star, along with lots of hay and children and adults in costume. There may be opportunities for children and young people to participate as angels and shepherds. We will be serving hot chocolate, mulled cider and finger treats and there will also be caroling. *The traditional Craft Fair held at St. Brigid during the Chain of Lights has been suspended due to COVID safety concerns.*

Lessons and Carols – Thursday, December 9th at 8pm in St. Joseph Chapel, Holy Cross College. The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In this service, we listen to nine Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol or other song that reflects on the lesson's message and a brief prayer.

The Christmas tree
is "an ancient custom that exalts the value of life" because the evergreen tree remains unchanged through the harshness of winter. When gifts are arranged under the tree, it becomes a symbol of "the tree of life, a figure of Christ, God's greatest gift to all".

~ Pope John Paul II

FINANCIALS

Our Lady of the Assumption
Income
November 20-21, 2021

Regular Weekly Collection	**$785.00**
Ordinary Collection Monthly	$80.00
Total Regular Weekly Collection	**$865.00**
Other Parish Income:	
Capital Improvement	$151.00
Special Ministry	$137.00
Grand Annual	$125.00
Christmas Flowers	$41.00
Misc.	$5.00
Total Other Income	**$459.00**
Total Income	**$1,324.00**

Our Lady of the Assumption
Cash Flow
November 11, 2021

Celebrate Priesthood (*Donation*)	$125.00
Clergy Benefits (*Priest Health)*	$528.50
St. Brigid Parish (*Monthly Reimbursement*)	$2,992.28
Total monies paid	**$3,645.78**

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Dec. 4 & 5: Capital Improvement

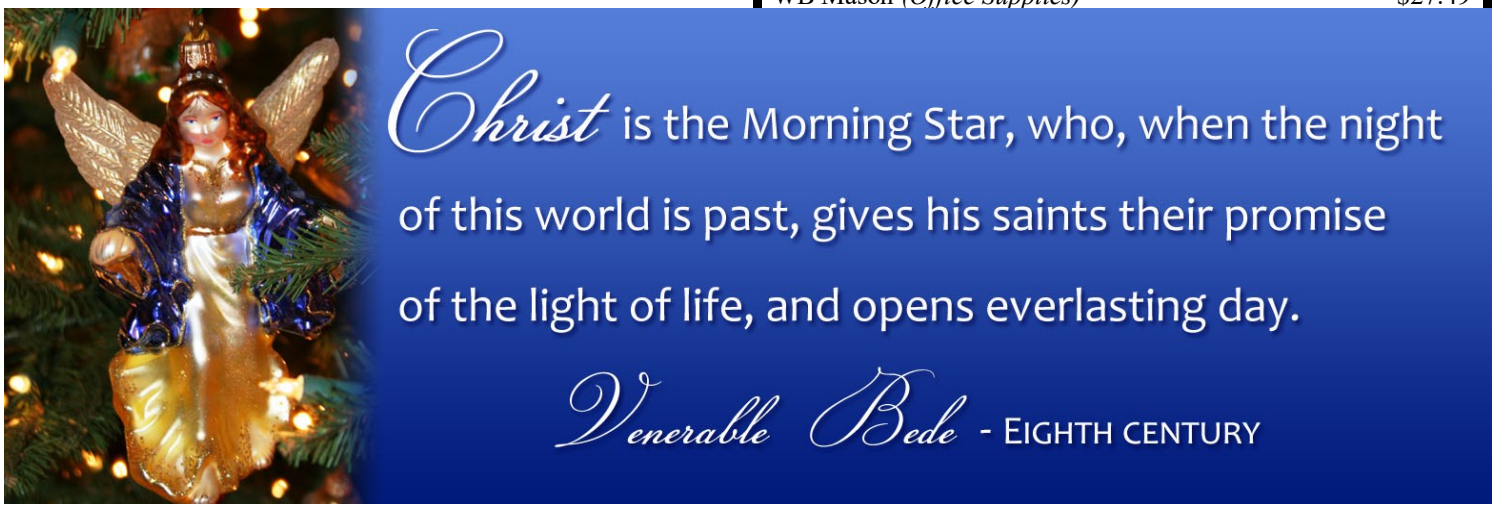
Dec. 11 & 12: Retirement Fund for Religious

THANK YOU for your ongoing generosity!

St. Brigid
Income
November 20-21, 2021

Regular Weekly Collection	**$3,403.00**
Ordinary Collection Monthly	$235.00
Total Regular Weekly Collection	**$3,638.00**
Other Parish Income:	
Capital Improvement	$95.00
Specialty Ministries	$434.00
In Remembrance	$150.00
Utilities	$45.00
Cemetery Boxes	$40.00
Grand Annual	$785.00
Candles	$40.00
Hall Rental	$75.00
Misc.	$68.00
Total Other Income	**$1,732.00**
Total Income	**$5,370.00**

WB Mason *(Office Supplies)* $27.49



Remember in Prayer this Week Those who serve in our Military:

Marc Winchester **Emily Weagle**

Patrick Weeks **Denzel Parker**

Andrew Hafferty

Forms are available at each parish to add names to the Prayer List or call the rectory at 508-865-6624 with your request.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Prayer Line: 508-865-6853 or 508-756-9854

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, call one of the confidential prayer lines listed above.

Candles

December 4-10, 2021

Sanctuary Candles

At St. Brigid Church

In Loving Memory of

Leo Powers

23rd Anniversary

Requested by: His Family

In Loving Memory of

Rita Shea

Requested by: Mary Wood and Family

Ministries

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Catholic Parishes of Millbury

Phone: 774-262-5506

Monthly Meetings

Third Sunday - 10:00 AM
St. Brigid Hall

New Members Welcome!

Parish Food Collection

Monthly: First Weekend
Food Bins are located in the Main Entrance of the Church

All food donations must be dropped off on food drive dates and placed in the large blue bins only, no exceptions.
NO Perishables, NO Cleanouts.

Food Distribution

Monthly: First Weekend - 12:15 PM
St. Brigid Church Hall

Please No Perishable, Expired Dates, or Pet Food.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Bishop Bernard J. Flanagan Council 12710
Website: www.koc12710.orgEmail:
council12710.kofc@gmail.com

Monthly meetings:
Business (members only) First Wednesday-7pm
@ St.Mark's Church Hall.
Social (all invited) Third Wednesday-7pm
@ St.Brigid Church Hall.
We welcome new members, and now you can join online by visiting KofC.org/joinus

Current Events

Advent is here, which means preparing our hearts, minds and bodies for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Immerse yourself into the beauty of the season with daily Mass readings, and reflection.

Sutton Chain of Lights, December 4th.
Our trailer will be open. We will be serving fried dough, clam fritters, hotdogs and fries. We will also have popcorn, soft drinks, coffee and hot chocolate.
Come and celebrate Christmas with us.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

SENIOR WORK – OFF PROGRAM

Eligible seniors 60 or older who are residents of Millbury, can receive up to $1,500 per year that can be used to pay real estate property tax in return for voluntary service at a town department.

TAI CHI IS BACK!!
Tuesdays 9:30 - 10:30 A.M

LIGHT EXERCISE CLASSES
Mondays and Fridays 9:30 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

Wii BOWLING
Mondays at 12:30 P.M.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC
Every Tuesday from 9 A.M. - 10 A.M.

MAHJONG
Mondays at 12:45 P.M.

WALKING CLUB
Tuesdays at 8:30 A.M.

SOCIAL BINGO
Wednesdays at 1:00 P.M.
Bring your pennies!

DULL MEN'S CLUB
Thursdays 10:00 - 11:00 A.M.

Senior Center Transportation

Transportation is provided for Millbury senior residents Monday through Friday from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Rides are free until January 1st. A 48 hour notice is required for scheduling rides (business days).

Senior Center Food Pantry

Our pantry is open for Millbury residents Monday through Friday 9 A.M to 1 P.M. Please call ahead to place your order and pick up.

Friendly Visitor Program

Our Friendly Visitor Program is now being provided by telephone. Volunteers call clients to check in with them, chat and hear a friendly voice!

MEMORY CAFÉ

Our next Memory Café will be held on, Tuesday, December 21 at 2 P.M. We will be having Matt Brodeur, acoustic guitarist, entertaining in the garden. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and enjoy an afternoon of socialization, refreshments and friendships.

LUNCH

Lunches are served Monday through Friday 12 P.M. at the Senior Center. The menu is available on the town website, www.townofmillbury.org

SENIOR CENTER HOLIDAY PARTY

Tuesday, December 14th at 11 – 1 P.M.
We will have an ugly sweater contest, along with games and prizes! Enjoy live music! Lunch will be served with meatloaf, gravy, mashed potatoes and carrots.
Call the center to RSVP by December 9th 508-865-9154

Assumption School

Millbury, MA

A legacy of learning...a history with heart

St Vincent de Paul Food Drive

The Assumption School Student Council held its annual food drive from November 1st to November 18th to help the St. Vincent de Paul Society stock their food pantry. This helps to provide for many families during the holiday season. A total of 2,469 non-perishable items were donated from our school families. Mr. Leo Lucke, Mr. Bill Kane, Mr. Kevin Crowley, Dottie Couture, Vicki Aho, Mary Blunt, Celeste Aiello, all active members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and Mr. Dennis Rawinski, a volunteer, were present at the school to receive this very large donation.

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious, or lay person working for the Church, and you need a place to talk about your feelings of betrayal or hurt by the Church, call Judith Audette at the Office for Healing and Prevention, (508) 929-4363.
A 24-hour-a-day confidential voicemail is available.